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METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed March 18, 1999. A request for a three-month extension of time is being filled concurrently herewith along with the appropriate fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

REMARKS

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Claims 25 and 27-32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Israel ('303 patent) and claims 25-32 have been rejected under § 102(a) as being anticipated by Pinchasik ('373 patent). Neither of the cited references is prior art against the claimed invention.